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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Conveying Belt and Method of Forming the Belt, the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto. ☒ was filed on Oct. 20, 1997
as Application Serial No. 08/954,015
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

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I also hereby state that no patent applications on this invention have previously been filed in countries foreign to the United States of America, except as follows:

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| Japan | 297994/1996 | 21/10/96 | yes <u>X</u> | no _____ |
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| | | | yes _____ | no _____ |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

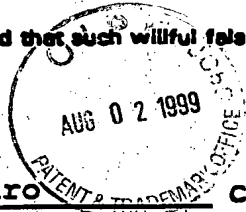
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